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In re: F. Venema

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Examiner: Amanda M. Shaw

For: *METHOD FOR LOWERING BOTH SEQUENCE VARIATIONS AND INCREASE OF BASE LINE EFFECTS IN A DIAGNOSTIC HYBRIDISATION ASSAY, ASSAY FOR PERFORMING SUCH A METHOD AND PROBE FOR USE IN THE ASSAY*

Date: March 25, 2008

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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT AND ELECTION OF CLAIMS

Sir:

This is responsive to the February 26, 2008 Office Action issued regarding the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that the above-referenced application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments, election of claims, and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.